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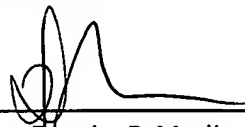
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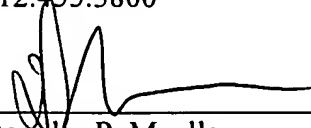
Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby encloses the following references: JP9-134547 with its English Abstract, CN 1164736 and its corresponding Canadian Patent No. 2173421. Applicant respectfully requests that the enclosed reference be placed in the file wrapper of the above-referenced application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, (Reg. No. 30,000), at (612) 455-3804.

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